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SUBJECT: MILITARY-LABOR RELATIONS FOLLOWING POSSIBLE COUP

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1. THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THE ARGUMENTS OF THE GGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER ABOUT THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF A HOSTILE ATTITUDE OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY TOWARD LABOR TO BE CONVINCING. IT DOES INDEED SEEM LIKELY THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE UNIONS WOULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNISTS, WHO WOULD FORM PARALLEL UNIONS, AND WOULD LEAD TO CRITICISM OF ARGENTINA BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT.

2. IF A COUP DOES OCCUR, HOWEVER, THE ISSUES RAISED MAY NOT PROVE TO BE SO CLEAR CUT AND SIMPLE, BUT MAY WELL BE MORE SUBTLE QUESTIONS OF THE PRECISE POLITICAL POSITION
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OF ORGANIZED LABOR UNDER THE NEW REGIME. IT MAY THEREFORE
PROVE TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO GIVE ANY ADVICE WITHOUT
RISKING INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ARGENTINA.
ACCORDINGLY, WE SHOULD AVOID VOLUNTEERING ANY ADVICE ON
THIS MATTER AND, IF PRESSED, ATTEMPT TO LIMIT OURSELVES TO
NOTING THAT THE REACTIONS OF US AND INTERNATIONAL LABOR
ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE A FACTOR THE GOA WILL HAVE TO TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT. INGERSOLL

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